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The following comments are in reference to USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service Docket Number TM-04-07 concerning 7 CFR Part 205, National Organic Program Sunset Review process.

Multiple Organics thanks the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Organic Standards Board for the opportunity to comment on the Sunset Review of the 2002 National List. We support the list as published, and would like to especially support the following materials:

1. Carbon dioxide which is used as an effective control for insect pests in some of the organic food products we market.
2. Calcium hydroxide Calcium Hydroxide as it is critical for the conversion of organic cane juice into organic granulated cane sugar. There are no other options for this and no known materials that will perform this function. Furthermore the ability to sweeten many organic food products relies on the use of organic sugar in the formulation and to make the products palatable to the consumer.
3. Native Corn Starch is also sometimes used for organic powdered sugar as an anti-caking agent as organic corn starch is limited to just one European supplier and is not commercially available in Central and South America where most of the organic sugar is grown.

Sincerely

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